

Remarks

The objection to the drawings with respect to the alleged multiple use of the reference numeral 64 is not understood by Applicant. To the extent understood by Applicant in reviewing the drawing, only a single element is designated with the reference numeral 64 and such element is one of the driven shafts with the reference numeral designation appearing at the lower left hand side of such shaft. As correctly noted in the Office action, the hollow drive shaft is designated by the reference numeral 18 and the coaxially disposed driven shafts are designated by the reference numerals 64 and 66 with driven shaft 64 being shown as being disposed within hollow drive shaft 18. Upon being advised more specifically of the duplicate use of the reference numeral 64, Applicant will attend to the correction of any such duplication.

In response to the suggestion of the Examiner, claim 22 has been rewritten as new claim 31 which clearly recites the claimed invention. Newly submitted claims 32 through 37 are dependent upon newly submitted claim 31 and essentially recite the subject matter of the previously submitted dependent claims. Favorable consideration of the newly submitted claims respectfully is requested with respect to the patent to Hattori, in view of the following comments.

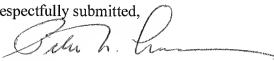
Each of the newly submitted claims provides for a housing; a bearing mounted in such housing; a differential gear provided with a case having at least one longitudinally disposed fluid passageway disposed in such case; a pair axially aligned driven shafts disposed coaxially with the bearing drivingly connected to such differential gear disposed therebetween; a hollow drive shaft receiving one of the driven shafts therein, provided with a fixed pulley and an axially displaceable pulley thereon; a guide member affixed to the drive axle, journaled in the bearing and drivingly connected to the differential gear case, provided with means including an expandable chamber for displacing the displaceable pulley and at least fluid passageway communicating with such chamber; and a conduit inserted in openings in the guide member and the differential gear case, intercommunicating the fluid passageways therein. It is submitted that Hattori neither discloses nor teaches such structure.

Although Hattori discloses a transmission provided with a hollow drive shaft 14 journaled in a bearing mounted in a housing, having a fixed pulley section 33 formed integral therewith and an axially displaceable pulley section 34, such structure does not include a pair of axially aligned driven shafts disposed coaxially with such bearing, drivingly connected to the differential gear disposed therebetween, a guide member affixed to such drive shaft, journaled in such bearing and drivingly connected to any differential gear case, provided with means including an expandable chamber for displacing the displaceable pulley, nor a conduit inserted in openings in the guide member and the differential gear case, intercommunicating the passageways therein. The components designated by the reference numerals 55 and 56 in Hattori are not driven shafts but a valve spool and a follower valve spool, respectively, which are supported on an oil inlet conduit 57 and are adapted to be displaced axially for controlling the supply of oil to passageway 65 of the displaceable pulley section. Furthermore, there clearly is not provided any differential gear mounted in a case, disposed between a pair of coaxially disposed driven shafts in which the case is provided with a fluid passageway which communicates with a fluid passageway in a guide member by means of a conduit.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that newly submitted claims 31 through 37 be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8369.007.US0000.

Respectfully submitted,



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